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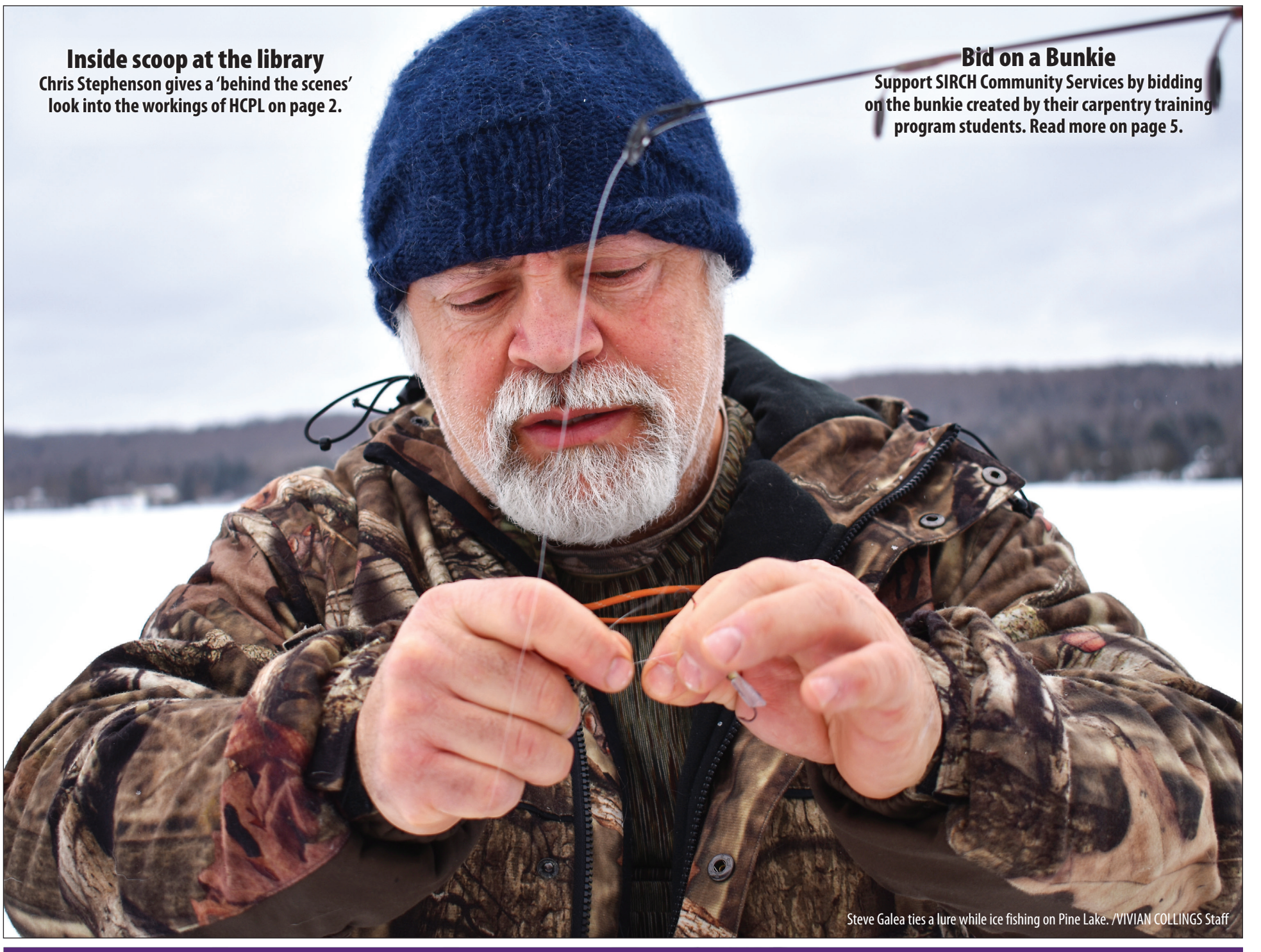

Steve Galea ties a lure while ice fishing on Pine Lake. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

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Behind the scenes at the libary

CHRIS STEPHENSON
Special to *County Life*

Patrons and visitors to Haliburton County Public Library (HCPL) ask us all kinds of questions, and sometimes we're asked about how things work behind the scenes at a public library. Every library operates a little differently, and as a County library system many of the programs and services we offer are first developed at our administration office. In fact, this location serves as a central hub for shipping book bins, technology, and other resources across the County to our branches. But where do the books come from?

We purchase a lot of books, DVDs, and digital resources for our communities. We receive 200 to 400 items per month to add to our collection from a book vendor called Library Bound. These new materials arrive already prepared with barcodes, stickers, and protective coverings. Our staff simply stamps each book with "Haliburton County Public Library" as they are received, and before they're sent out to library branches. Some book cataloguing is done "in-house," as we also purchase books locally, sometimes from local authors and bookstores. This is especially the case when we receive donations from the public or funding from the fundraising and advocacy organization called Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library. These dedicated volunteers host events and sell good used books all year round to support a variety of programs and special purchases at the library. This year in early April, the Friends will be celebrating their 20th anniversary!

A photo featuring the HCPL "Red Carpet" with new books this week – and a book club set.

Thanks to our relationship with other Ontario library groups and consortiums, we have considerable purchasing power for securing digital resources for our residents. For example, we're able to offer over 90,000 e-books and digital audiobooks to library users by partnering with other libraries to create one large, shared digital collection. As well, your library card gives you access to 7,000 digital newspapers and magazines currently found on newsstands through PressReader, and over 30,000 feature films, documentaries, and foreign films on the Kanopy video streaming service we now subscribe to. All of these can be found on the HCPL website, as well as free online services that are curated and organized for your family's use.

Last year we borrowed 362 books from other libraries across Ontario, all of which were delivered by Canada Post. To support this Interlibrary Loan service in the province, we also contributed over 400 of our books towards short term lending at other libraries. Our staff package these up and our library couriers deliver them to the post office for mailing. Books are always flowing at HCPL. If you don't see something you need or would like to read or study, you can speak to our staff and we'll do our best to track down a copy.

One of the more popular sections of our website is called the New Arrivals, which you'll find on the home page. Here you can scroll through a "book river" and find out what's been newly added to the library's collection. You can click on any book cover you see to get more information about this title, including a rating, where the book is located, or the current availability and whether there's a waiting period until you can borrow it.

Behind the scenes, library staff at all our branches plan and create book displays to promote popular topics and showcase our resources. They're also standing by to help advise you on your next great read. You can tell us what your favourite topic or author might be, and we can recommend similar publications you might find interesting. If you like the idea of getting together to discuss what you're reading with others, you might consider joining or starting a book club. We support book clubs across the County by offering nearly 80 book sets you can borrow. Each set contains eight copies of a book and discussion questions inside a convenient canvas bag, and in many cases, one of the books is a large print copy.

In addition to local book clubs, many new and longstanding programs are created for all ages in our branches. Everything from Storytime and tech learning programs to drop-in craft days and writing groups, and the new Beginners Ukulele Club. Last December, we hosted 45 programs at our branches and about 25 per cent of these were thanks to our partnerships with other local organizations and community members. Throughout the year we acknowledge and celebrate seasonal themes and feature author readings, and we're committed to doing whatever we can to promote reading, literacy, and access to information.

People have been returning to their favourite library branches for lots of reasons over the past year and our membership is on the rise. HCPL staff are thrilled to see community members attending programs and using the library as a meeting place – in January a total of 438 people showed up for programs at branches across the library system. This is an impressive number considering it's one of the darker and colder months! Much planning is done throughout the year, and there are some rhythms in library life that we all look forward to. Summer Reading Club is already being discussed, and we're getting excited about welcoming some of our youngest library users and supporting them in their reading journeys.

Stop by the library or check out our website at haliburtonlibrary.ca to find out about the latest and greatest happening in your municipality this month. We'll be pleased to see you!

Hurry hard
Haliburton Curling Club Team Morse sweeps a rock during the annual Highland Lassie Ladies Bonspiel that took place at the Haliburton Curling Club on Saturday, Mar 4. The event hosted 14 teams and 56 curlers from Haliburton, Milton, Port Perry, and Toronto. A raffle display of prizes was donated by local businesses and curlers. /TIM YANO Special to the Echo

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Slopes and smiles

Adam and Tessa Zarobiak smile before getting ready to ski down Banana at Sir Sam's Ski/Bike on Wednesday, Mar. 8. / VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

Above, a skier swooshes down Kingston Road at Sir Sam's Ski/Ride on Wednesday, Mar. 9. Left, skier and boarders were treated to clear sunny skies on Wednesday, Mar. 8.

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Jams in the Legion

Left, Not Responsible band members George Porter, Andy Salvatori, Cathy Salvatori (drums), and Dave Bathe play in front of a packed house at the Minden Legion on Saturday, Mar. 4. Above, Not Responsible band member Andy Salvatori performs on Saturday, Mar. 4. /ADAM FRISK Special to the Echo

Writing on the Senior Side

Sorry, I can't hear you

GAIL STELTER

Special to *County Life*

Two times?

Maybe four or five times?

More than ten? Yes, that's probably right. That's how many times a day I say to Peter or whoever else I am with, "Sorry, I can't hear you." But you know, my hearing is really fine.

"Turn up the TV. No, turn down the TV. Don't talk to me when I am watching TV. No, I don't care if I miss the show. I just can't hear you over the sounds of the show." I can hardly hear the conversation. There is too much background noise. But you know my hearing is fine.

We are a family where everyone talks at the same time. We often try to interrupt each other. Sometimes, when my son Jim and I are talking, it can feel like it's a contest, and I let him win. Well, I let him win most of the time! I like our family conversations. It's a Stelter thing. My hearing is fine. If it gets worse, well, maybe then I will get it checked.

Taking care of business, working overtime. Maybe not overtime, but I am definitely past my best-before date but hopefully still way ahead of my expiry date! So what is the business of life on the senior side? Is it doing the things we have decided are our priorities? Is it family and children and grandchildren? It is being active spectators and happy participants?

Perhaps it is all these and more. It is healthy eating and exercise and doctor's and specialist appointments and finding out what we need to know and do to keep it going; to keep it getting better. And, some of these other things are things, I don't like. I don't like that my eyes have started hurting. Blame the screen time. Did you know there is something about a blue light that you can get with your prescription glasses? No, neither did I until my daughter told me about it. I will look that up … another day. In seniorhood, you come to realize that maybe your kids do know everything. Don't tell them this! I don't like that my knees are mad at me because I am not walking and exercising enough. Blame winter. Okay, blame me. I don't like that having my flu shot led to the removal of a mole that came back as melanoma. I don't like that I have to take responsibility for all this. Growing up again is not without its trials and tribulations.

When I saw the invitation to an open presentation/workshop on Aging Together as Community, I knew I had to attend. Maybe there would be a story to write. Maybe there would be new people to meet. Maybe there would be new learning for my senior brain. Off I went, with interest and a self-imposed very strong commitment to not sign up for any committees. I have to be tough. I can't take on anything new. I need my time to be a writer, especially since I signed up for a course through the University of Toronto, continuing studies on writing creative non-fiction. The course is excellent, and at the end of week one and module one's lecture, writing assignments, readings and discussion boards, I was quite satisfied with myself. Then I remember there are ten more weeks and modules to go. What ever made me do this?

The Aging Together event began with a presentation on dementia by Dr. Barbara Clive, MD, FRCPC, Geriatric Medicine Trillium Health Partners. My mother had dementia. I know dementia, and I know the sadness that comes with watching it progress in someone you love. However, I hadn't thought much about what I can do to help myself in my quest to not have dementia. I didn't even know there could be a quest to help myself. Dr. Clive provided a clear, concise and excellent description of what is and what is not dementia, and then she went beyond these facts. She told us how to keep our brains healthy. It is my new quest. I am pondering and thinking hard when I read and she tells us that, "Crucially, while age is the strong known risk factor for cognitive decline, dementia is not a natural or inevitable consequence of aging." (WHO Risk reduction in cognitive Decline and Dementia 2019). She went on to describe the modifiable risk factors for dementia. Simply stated, these are what we can do to help ourselves. I can modify and change my behaviours and lifestyle to help myself. This could be life-changing. As she speaks, I am madly writing down the list of risk factors; this to-do list. This is knowledge to be shared with everyone and especially with those of us on the senior side.

Oh no, hearing impairment is on the list of modifiable risk factors. Loss of hearing is one of the most widely accepted factors leading to dementia. I didn't know that. There's no denying it. I will soon have to get my hearing checked. Immediately, I have those senior thoughts about wearing hearing aids, the cost and the inconvenience. I don't want to go there. To go there is a new level of admitting my age. I am not shy to tell my age. It is a badge of thankfulness. I will even admit to all the wrinkles. (I can hardly ignore them when they are so obvious to the world). But, this hearing thing. I can pretend it does not exist and just tell ask everyone to just please repeat what they have said. It's not so bad. Oh, Dr. Clive why did you have to tell me that hearing loss is a factor leading to dementia? Oh, Dr, Clive thank you for telling me there is quite possibly a great cost of hearing impairment: dementia. I will go and get my hearing checked.

Remember my resolve not to sign up for any committees with the Aging Together as Community group? Remember me telling you I purposely left the meeting early so I wouldn't be tempted? Well, it didn't work. Before I left I voiced the importance of sharing Dr. Clive's information and in fact, sharing all information that we as seniors should know. There is so much we can share now!

After my departure, the people at my table proposed a working group to this end and also proposed that I might be a good candidate to lead this working group. I wasn't even there. The next day I got a phone call and an invitation to meet for coffee just to chat. I went. I do care about this, and so I said yes. I agreed to a new Aging Together as Community Knowledge Sharing Work Group. Yes, I volunteered and was happy to do so. I am enjoying this work group and the engaging, interesting and committed people that I have met.

I will close this edition of Writing on the Senior Side by letting you know you can access Aging Together as Community on their Facebook page of the same name and this is also where you will find Dr. Clive's presentation on dementia.

And, by the way, for those of you who read my last piece, *The takedown*, our boarder crossing was uneventful.

Bid on a Bunkie and support SIRCH Community Services

Just in time for spring, SIRCH Community Services is launching an auction where one lucky recipient will win a handcrafted Bunkie.

Built by participants of the Basics of Carpentry employment training program, this one-of-a-kind Bunkie will be open for bids on the Nonprofit Bidding online auction platform from March 9 to the 24 and is open for preview now!

Proceeds from the auction will go back into supporting SIRCH programs, making the auction a win-win!

The Bunkie measures 104 square feet and is 8 feet by 13 feet with 7-foot-high ceilings inside. It features a large steel entry door and two high quality Jeld Wen windows. Clad in painted board and batten style with a shingled roof, the structure is unfinished inside but is fully enclosed, with a floor that is insulated and sealed.

The estimated value of the bunkie is $8,000 and bidding starts at $2500.

Basics of Carpentry is an employment training program offered by SIRCH Community Services that gives trainees the carpentry skills they need to gain employment in the construction industry.

NonprofitBidding.org is an easy-to-use, secure online auction platform created to support the fundraising efforts of non-profit organizations and charities. To bid, simply create an account, register your credit card, and join the fun. Credit card details are never stored on Nonprofit Bidding's servers but are securely transmitted to and stored in an encrypted format with Stripe.

For more information about the auction or to place a bid, go to nonprofitbidding.org.

SIRCH Community Services is a not-for-profit organization that addresses gaps and needs in the community by creating programs that aim to create resilience, reduce poverty and encourage connection. It has been serving Haliburton County and beyond for more than 30 years. For more information, go to www.sirch.on.ca/.

Submitted

Trainees of the SIRCH Community Services Basics of Carpentry program graduated from the program on Wednesday, Dec. 7 and proudly stand outside the bunkie they built which will be up for auction in the spring. The free 12 week program is offered by SIRCH in partnership with Employment Ontario, Fleming Employment Services, and the Ontario Trillium Foundation and is a gateway into the carpentry trade. For more information about SIRCH's training programs, contact SIRCH training coordinator Dianne Woodcock dianne_woodcock@sirch.on.ca. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

SIRCH offering living wage

The Ontario Living Wage Network (OLWN) is announcing the first certified living wage employer in Haliburton: SIRCH Community Services. SIRCH conducts dozens of programs, plus two retail stores and a non-profit bistro. Their program streams include training, resources, and social enterprises that create resilience, confidence, and connection. As a certified employer, all full-time, part-time, contract, and seasonal workers earn at least the currently calculated living wage of $19.05 per hour.

"While staff in retail and food services are traditionally paid low wages, we felt that philosophically we could not tackle poverty and food insecurity unless we are truly walking the walk by ensuring our employees are not making less than the living wage for this area," says Gena Robertson, Executive Director of SIRCH.

A living wage is calculated by the OLWN to show how much a worker must earn per hour in order to make ends meet and enjoy modest participation in civic and cultural community. The calculations gather real local expenses such as shelter costs, childcare, transportation, and food. They also factor in any any applicable government taxes, transfers, and benefits.

"Families who work for low wages often face impossible choices: buy food or heat the house, feed the children or pay the rent. Paying a living wage allows individuals and families to cover household essentials as well as occasional emergencies or unexpected expenses. From a business perspective, paying a living wage can reduce employee turnover, absenteeism, and retraining costs It can also improve perfor mance and productivity, and lower staff turnover rates.

It may be difficult to pay more for labour, but paying a living wage will help your employees remain in the county, remain in your employ, and feed their families. It's one of the best local economic develop ment strategies we can employ" continues Robertson.

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More than a month

KATE BUTLER
Special to *County Life*

In many parts of the world, March is recognized as Women's History Month, to link with International Women's Day. In Canada, women's history is officially celebrated during the month of October, because it was on Oct. 18, 1929, that a historic decision was made by the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council of Great Britain in London - then Canada's highest court of appeal – to include women in the definition of "persons".

This decision paved the way for the first women to join Canada's senate and gave women more opportunities to participate in political life in general. While events like these, and the stories of women who have fought for these recognitions, are highly significant, I believe that every day is a good day to share stories of women's history.

Women's stories have been and continue to be under-represented, sometimes, simply because of the historical records which do or don't exist. When we look at the history of Haliburton County, we need to dig a little deeper for the stories of the community's women.

For many years, it may have been rare, if not unheard of, for women to serve on local councils, but their impact on the community was still deep. Organizations such as local women's institutes made a difference fundraising for those in need, supporting the war effort during the First World War and the Second World War and even helping to bring new infrastructure to the community.

Some women chose to focus their attention on assisting the community of the church to which their family belonged. Others made an impact on the local business scene, such as Eliza Lucas, who took charge of the Grand Central Hotel after her husband passed away.

Many women played a key role in education, as teachers in local schools, though historically, many were expected to give up their career when they married. It's common to talk about the impact of and challenges faced by early rural doctors, who were predominantly male, but we can't forget the women the community who served as practical nurses, facing equal, if not larger challenges.

Some women were well-known as midwives, such as Grannie Shaw. Knowing that these women were in the area and available to help must have been such a reassurance to those who were expecting. In fact, if it wasn't for these women and their skills, the trajectories of many local families could have been vastly different.

Often, the key to capturing women's stories of the past for posterity lies in listening and asking questions. Beyond official documents and census data, there are stories filled with perseverance, strength and deep emotions.

In my own family, I recall hearing stories passed down about my great- great-grandmother, a rather larger than life figure, who raised a dozen children in a small cottage. In terms of more recent history, I think about my grandmother who, after the father she adored passed away when she was only twelve, left school and went out to work to help support her family.

Every family has stories of remarkable women, so I really encourage you to record the stories that you already know and to do a little research to see what else you can discover for your own knowledge and for future generations. Women's history isn't just about a day or even a month – women's stories are everywhere, and they deserve to be told.

Top 10 reasons to buy a cordless drill

THIS WEEK I finally bought myself a cordless drill. It was a bit pricey but well worth it for the home reno project I'm doing. That got me thinking that there are many other reasons to buy a cordless drill that people seldom talk about. Here are the top ten:

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

1. Great addition to the amateur dentistry business.
2. Hoping to go out west and prospect for some very shallow oil.
3. Do not want a repeat of that time your co-workers tied you up in your own extension cord.
4. Part of a wider vendetta against extension cord industry.
5. That and a driver bit are your best defense when robot uprising begins.
6. It's a Bob the Builder fan club requirement.
7. Wanted to see what this 1990s technology was all about.
8. To take your Swiss Cheese hobby to a whole new level.
9. Because you refuse to admit that you lost your screwdriver.
10. Bought a cordless skill saw, looked at your old drill and just knew it was time to cut the cord.

Inside out

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Reached by stepping through a door
Instantly it triggers senses
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In here keeps my heart suspended
Down cold homilies of time
Field and lake and sky one colour
No real hope-words, no real rhyme

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Opens sunshine, closes night
Dancing air that slices through them
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Suddenly new bird starts calling
Less from power, more from love
Makes two homespun socks put boots on
Just to see the mourning dove

Days, like nuanced dove-notes linger
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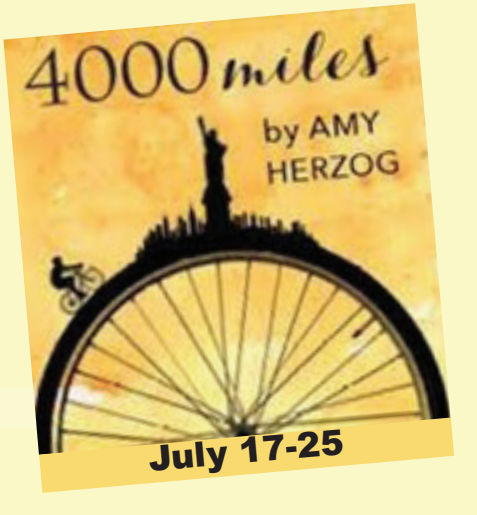

Do something Dramatic this summer

Nearing the end of the season
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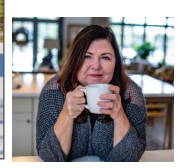

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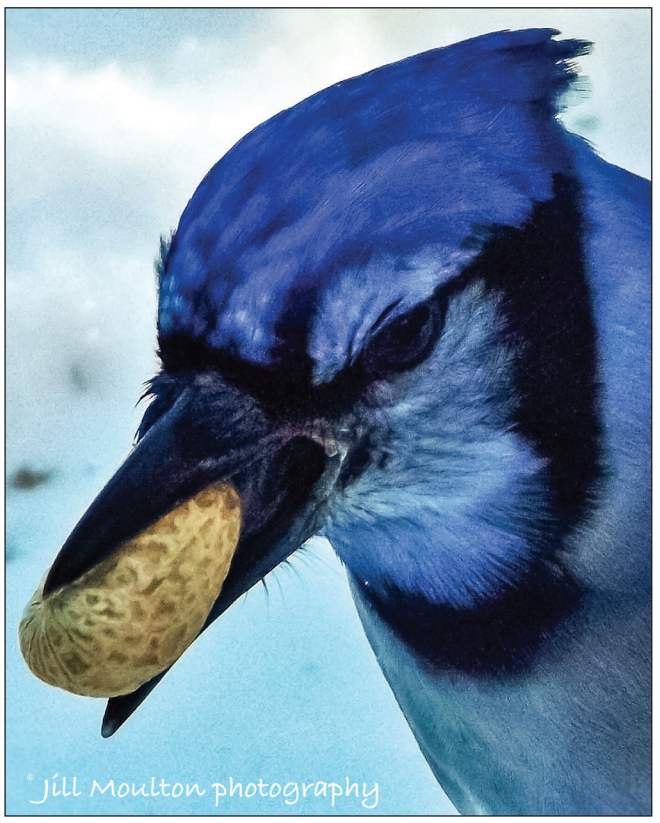

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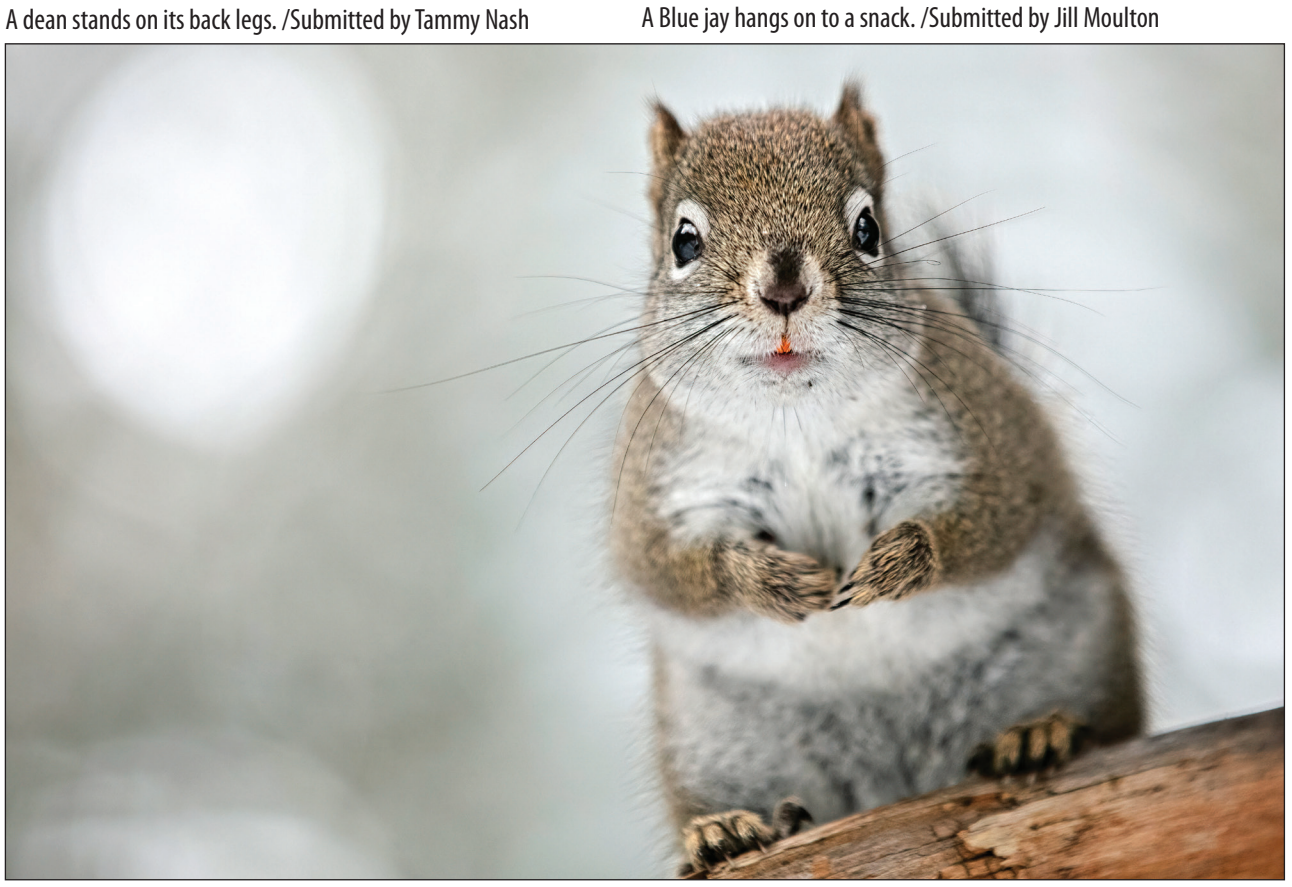

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Celebrating history with song:

125 years of 'worship and witness' at St. George's Anglican Church remembered with music

by MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

IN PAYING HOMAGE to the past, St. George's Anglican Church firmly cemented its place in Haliburton's present and future.

Sunday night's "Musical Celebration" of St. George's 125 years in Haliburton demonstrated why the church has been such an integral part of a village in the making. A church is more than just a building, and the people associated with St. George's showed yet again, by their faith and talents, that 125 more years of "worship and witness" are welcome by the community.

"Music is a fair and glorious gift of God," and thus it was appropriate to use this gift to herald the church's anniversary, said organist and choir director Bill Gliddon, who organized the evening. It began by Earl Cooper piping in the choir and Rev. John Phillips.

For those of the audience of approximately 300 who hadn't been on Leo Dobrzensky's Heritage Walks, Mr. Gliddon first recounted the history of St. George's.

In the beginning

In the autumn of 1864, when local men began working on the little log church, the community was in its infancy. Most early settlers were British, so it seemed apropos to name the Church of England St. George's, in honour of England's patron saint.

"Even in this remote corner of Ontario, the flag, law and order, and the monarchy were held in deepest respect," said Mr. Gliddon. So when the choir opened with a pomp-and-circumstance, three-verse version of God Save the Queen, "think not only of our present gracious sovereign, but also to the defender of the faith, supreme monarch of the British Empire, Queen Victoria," who was in the throne when Haliburton's first church was built.

The church was supposed to be dedicated Christmas of 1864, but severe December storms delayed Rev. Richard Sanders' arrival. Bishop John Strachan didn't know that with the bad weather and drifting snow, Rev. Sanders would need a couple of weeks to reach his destination. Finally, on "a cold and stormy New Year's day in 1865", 42 worshippers heralded the opening of the church with him.

Organist at the time was Dr. Jonathan Peake, who knew only two tunes on his accordion-cum-organ. Words to other hymns had to be molded to the tunes of *Men of Harlech* and *Evening Hymn*, which the choir sang to perfection.

By 1870, the congregation had outgrown its tiny cabin and Rev. G.C. Mackenzie, rector, oversaw the construction of a larger church. "He was so loved and respected, that every family in Haliburton was represented at his departure" a few years later, said Mr. Gliddon.

Sonny Cook presents a picture to Rev. John Phillips

Everyone raises the roof with Onward Christian Soldiers

Ann Varty fiddles (not) on the roof

It took Sonny Cook a year to realize that the Rev. Mackenzie carved on the pulpit was the same Rev. Mackenzie, her great-grandfather.

On Saturday, the choir member made a presentation to the priest who has overseen the latest addition to the church, Rev. Phillips. She explained that her great-grandmother's father, Bishop Boomer, sent them up here. After growing up in Jamaica, the climate change was difficult on Great-grandmother Mackenzie, who coped admirably.

"They came up here in a sleigh from Port Hope, with two children and wrapped up in blankets," said Ms. Cook.

Her gift, from the remaining grandchildren, was a photograph of Rev. Mackenzie. "My great-grandmother said 'Although it's not flattering, it's a good likeness.'"

The spirit of children

Churches must always renew themselves, and one way is through the children. The next performance was by the Friendship Club, an interdenominational group of youngsters which meets weekly at St. George's. As part of the presentation, Jennie-Nicole Phillips sang a solo, demonstrating she might one day steal a little of her father's musical limelight.

Less exuberant but just as lovely were Barb Fawcett and Glenda Burk's renderings of *I Look to My Shepherd* and *Hymn Medley*, "intimate responses to Christian ways and timeless truths," Mrs. Fawcett said.

The choir renewed its fine reputation with the next three songs: *More Love, In My Weakness, Shout For Joy*. Mr. Gliddon took full advantage of the choir's range of voices to bring out in them hymns of pure harmony.

It's surprising the Legion is still firmly rooted in the ground after the entire audience's rousing verses of *Onward Christian Soldiers*. There was enough zeal to march the auditorium to Wilberforce.

All turned quiet and restful when Rev. Phillips, accompanied by Mr. Gliddon, provided his celebration in song. His first, a version of Psalm 51, was a heartfelt plea to "have mercy on me, oh God, according to thy steadfast love."

If Rev. Phillips made the audience reflective, then Mr. Gliddon and Wayne Cooper made people laugh inside. Their joyful, playful duet of Three Waltzes by Johannes Brahms, and then Brahms' Hungarian Dance No. 18 were displays of true mastery of the piano. No Concert Series performer using the grand piano could have outshone these two, who added to their list of accomplishments with *Worlds Apart*, a touching song from the musical, Huckleberry Finn.

This light-hearted tone was maintained by the choir, who closed with *Gaelic Rhapsody* and a medley from *Fiddler on the Roof*. Violinist Ann Varty joined them in the latter collection of favourite songs, although many audience members wished they could have heard more of her talents.

With so much goodwill and so many good feelings present in the auditorium, by the time it came for everyone to sing *Let There Be Peace On Earth*, this too was from the heart. And a perfect challenge for St. George's in the next 125 years.

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'Music is a fair and glorious gift of God,' says Bill Gliddon

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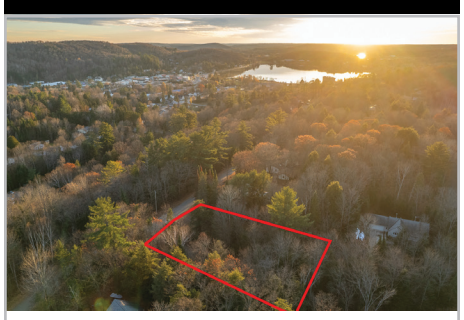

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MUNICIPAL YEAR-ROUND RD. | MLS# 40364799

TOWER ROAD
$95,000

PRIVATE | 2.19 ACRES
OFF-GRID | MLS# 40343517

SOUTH LAKE
$795,000

3 X BED | 1.06 ACRES | 999 SQ.FT
1 X BATH | 75 FT. FRONTAGE | MLS# 40379906

LAKE LORRAINE
$725,000

2 COTTAGES + BUNKIE | 4 X BED | SAUNA
83 FT. FRONTAGE | 2 X BATH | MLS# 40378260

NORTH DRIVE
$209,000

PRIVATE | 5.56 ACRES
GREAT LOCATION | MLS# 40373129

OSPREY RD
$190,000

2 DEEDED LOTS | 7.86 ACRES
GREAT LOCATION | MLS# 40379171

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